Ban on the Work on Low BOAA Kesaridal

233. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of farmers and the Academy of Nutrition Development, Nagpur met him on the 13th March, 1996 on the question of stopping the work on development of low BOAA Kesaridal;

(b) whether in that meeting it was proposed to hold a joint meeting of Ministers and Officials of Health and Family Welfare and Agriculture;

(c) if so, whether the proposed meeting has been convened;

(d) if the meeting was convened the conclusions thereof; and

(e) if not, whether such a meeting is proposed to be convened shortly; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No decision was taken for holding a joint meeting of Ministers and Officials of Health and Family Welfare and Agriculture.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

Formulation of Action Plan for Agricultural Sector

234. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 158 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the New Agriculture Policy envisages any action plan for development of agricultural sector; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for formulation of such Action Plan; and if an Action Plan has since been laid down the projections made therein?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The revised Draft Agriculture Policy currently under consideration envisages preparation of an Action Plan for implementing the policy.

(b) Action for formulation of Action Plan can be initiated only after finalization of the policy.

Completion of Konkan Railway Line

235. DR. MOHAN BABU:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tunnels in Goa for completion of Konkan Railway Line have been dug up; and

(b) by when the Konkan Railway would be fully operational for rail link between Mumbai and Mangalore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. The work in the tunnels is still continuing.

(b) The line is currently expected to become operational by 31.3.97.

शासकीय पॉलीटेक्नीक में प्रयोगशाला

236. श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात तथा अन्य राज्यों में शासकीय पॉलीटेक्नीक की कुल कितनी प्रयोगशालाओं का विश्व बैंक की सहायता से आधुनिकीकरण किया गया है;

(ख) इस प्रयोजनार्थ अब तक विश्व बैंक की सहायता में से राज्य-वार कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है;

(ग) प्रत्येक राज्य में विश्व बैंक की सहायता से कितने अनुसंधान केन्द्र खोले गए हैं;

(घ) वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान, उक्त कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत कितनी धनराशि व्यय करने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(ङ) उक्त अवधि के दौरान, किन-किन राज्यों में से नए पॉलीटेक्निकों की स्थापना करने हेतु आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुही राम सैकिया): (क) और (ख) गुजरात सहित परियोजना राज्यों में स्थित सरकारी पॉलीटेक्निकों में विश्व बैंक की सहायता से आधुनिकीकृत की जा रही प्रयोगशालाओं की संख्या और उन पर किए गए व्यय की राशि को दर्शाने वाला एक विवरण संलग्न है। **(नीचे देखिए)**

(ग) अनुसंधान केन्द्र विश्व बैंक की सहायता से स्थापित नहीं किए जाते।

(घ) उपर्युक्त (ग) को ध्यान में रखकर प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) नए पॉलिटेक्निक की स्थापना के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान मंत्रालय में प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

विवरण

30.9.96 की स्थिति के अनुसार परियोजना राज्यों में स्थित सरकारी पॉलीटेक्निकों में विश्व बैंक की सहायता से आधुनिकीकृत की जा रही प्रयोगशालाओं और उन पर किए गए व्यय

राज्य	आधुनिकीकृत की जा रही प्रयोगशालाओं की संख्या	30.9.96 की स्थिति के अनुसार व्यय राशि (मिलियन रुपए)
बिहार	200	55.66
गोवा	20	10.11
गुजरात	162	116.85
कर्नाटक	496	106.65
केरल	334	76.01
मध्य प्रदेश	456	135.08
उड़ीसा	138	107.85
राजस्थान	223	155.12
उत्तर प्रदेश	362	128.95
आंध्र प्रदेश	896	150.74
असम	102	29.86
हरियाणा	129	41.81
हिमाचल प्रदेश	77	30.77
महाराष्ट्र	363	266.54
राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली	238	34.51
पांडिचेरी	36	4.54
पंजाब	123	62.15
तमिलनाडु	78	38.31
पश्चिम बंगाल	130	85.05

Inclusion of Dairy sector in the Liberalisation Policy

237. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether India enjoyed several competitive advantages in the dairy industry as compared to other countries but has failed to make a proper place in the export market;

(b) whether the dairy sector has not been included in the liberalisation policy;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The dairy sector in India is closely integrated to agriculture, and milk production is generally based on utilisation of agricultural by-products are crop residues. The cost of milk production in India, is therefore, lower than in many developed countries. However, due to seasonal and regional variations in milk production and increasing domestic demand, there is not much of liquid milk left to be converted into milk products for export. A beginning has however, been made.

(b) The dairy sector was included in the liberalisation policy of the Government of India announced in July, 1991.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Shift in Rice Cultivation

238. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to promote shift in rice cultivation from transplanted rice to broadcast or line sowing of sprouted seeds puddled soils in order to save labour costs;

(b) the results of the pilot studies;

(c) the steps being taken to popularise this method; and

(d) the response of the farmers thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) To tide over the problem of labour scarcity and hence delayed planting advantages of direct seeding of rice in puddled fields, as compared to transplanting have been demonstrated on-farm in areas of abundant irrigation, under the ICAR sponsored Operational